

WE CLAIM:

1. A method for providing customized derivative securities,  
comprising:  
  
receiving from an investor data regarding a desired risk-return  
values and selection of at least one issuer of traded securities;  
  
structuring a customized security having at least one of said  
desired risk-return value and comprising a derivative security having at least one  
component related to said traded securities of said issuer and at least one other  
component;  
  
pricing said customized security according to current market prices  
for said components; and  
  
offering said customized security to said investor.
2. A method as specified in claim 1 wherein said component related  
to traded securities comprises a component selected from the group comprising a long  
share component, a short share component, a long put option, a short put option, a long  
call option and a short call option.
3. A method as specified in claim 2 wherein said at least other  
component comprises a loan or a bond
4. A method as specified in claim 1 further comprising receiving an  
acceptance for said customized security from said investor and covering the position by

trading said components in amounts corresponding to their inclusion in said customized derivative security.

5. A method as specified in claim 1 wherein said structuring includes selecting relative amounts of said components of said customized securities to achieve one of said risk-return values specified by said investor.

6. A method as specified in claim 5 wherein said risk return values are normalized to selected standard risk-return values.

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